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FSSA announces recipients of Early Childhood Education Matching Grants

Indianapolis (April 16, 2014) – The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) today named 30 organizations from 15 different Indiana counties recipients of the Early Childhood Education Matching Grant, which will help provide quality early education for low-income children in Indiana.

The grant program, established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2013, allows high-quality, early care and education programs to apply for matching funds to serve 4-year-old children from families whose incomes are below federal poverty guidelines. It is separate and distinct from the pre-K pilot legislation that was approved by the 2014 General Assembly. In this program grants are awarded directly to providers statewide, while under the program created by this year's legislation families in five pilot counties will apply for scholarships.

FSSA's Bureau of Child Care began accepting applications for the matching grant in January. Applicants were required to have already achieved Level Three or Level Four in Paths to QUALITY™, Indiana's voluntary child care quality rating and improvement system. They were also required to secure a cash match from a community organization or other funding source.

FSSA received 35 applications for the matching grant. Thirty grants, totaling \$1,457,733.50 have been awarded and another \$1,539,859.50 in matching funds have been obtained by those grantees from foundations, United Way agencies, corporations, coalitions of public-private organizations and individual donors. These grants will be used to expand high-quality early education programs for low-income 4-year-olds.

The matching grant recipients and their counties are listed at the end of this release.

"This is an important step toward increased school readiness and academic success for low income children," said Melanie Brizzi, Administrator of FSSA's Bureau of Child Care. "The grants leverage public and private investments within high-quality community-based programs, including school-based, faith-based and nonprofit early learning programs. This approach allows many more at-risk children access to high-quality early education."

The 2013 matching grant legislation established that \$2 million would be available for two years, beginning in 2014. Grants awards will be effective July 1, 2014.

More information about the Early Childhood Matching Grant is available on [FSSA's Carefinder website](#).

More information about the Paths to Quality™ program is available [here](#).

Recipient/Legal Applicant Name	County
Martin Luther King Montessori School	Allen
Busy Bees Academy (Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp.)	Bartholomew
Children Inc.	Bartholomew
Apple Tree Child Development Center (YMCA of Muncie)	Delaware
Child Study Center (Ball State University)	Delaware
Huffer Memorial Children's Center, Inc.	Delaware
United Day Care Center of Delaware County, Inc.	Delaware
A Kid's Place (Community Day Care Center, Inc.)	Dubois
HUMmingbird Day Care Ministry	Dubois
TRI-CAP	Dubois
Rainbow's End Childcare Center (Blue River Services Inc.)	Harrison
Key for Kids Preschool (Bona Vista Programs Inc.)	Howard
Pathfinder Kids Kampus (Pathfinder Service Inc.)	Huntington
Civitan Children's Center (KCARC)	Knox
Imagination Station I (Imagination Station Child Development Center)	LaPorte
La Porte Co Family YMCA	LaPorte
Day Nursery Ft. Harrison (Day Nursery Association of Indianapolis Inc.)	Marion
Day Nursery Northwest (Day Nursery Association of Indianapolis Inc.)	Marion
DayStar Childcare (Englewood Christian Church Inc.)	Marion
Flanner House Child Development Center (Flanner House of Indianapolis Inc.)	Marion
St. Mary's Child Center Gilliatte Bldg. (St. Mary's Child Center, Inc.)	Marion
YMCA Learning Center (Southeastern Indiana YMCA)	Ripley
El Campito Child Development Centers (El Campito Inc.)	St Joseph
Right Steps Downtown (Right Steps Child Development Centers)	Tippecanoe
Cape Place (Community Action Program of Evansville)	Vanderburgh
Carver Day Care (Carver Community Organization)	Vanderburgh
Enterprise Zone (Community Action Program of Evansville)	Vanderburgh
Milestones Child Development Center (Rehabilitation Center Inc.)	Vanderburgh
St. Vincent Center for Children and Families (St. Vincent's Day Care Center)	Vanderburgh
Small World Learning Center, Inc.	Vigo

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